

MEMORIES OF A SOLDIER DURING THE SOUTHERN REBELLION

*Record (= record)*

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July 5th, 1861 - Left Indianapolis for the Seat of War... fine reception at

Muncie refreshments for us from the gentle Sex never shall I forget Hancie

passed Winchester next Union City reached the Soil of Ohio Peekua <sup>*[= Muncie]*</sup> and

Urbana on the Road at Columbus about midnight.

6th - At Day Break got in view New York <sup>*[= Newark]*</sup> took breakfast at Zanesville

(got bad whiskey) Came to Belair at noon Sacred Soil of Old Dominion

In View opposite shores of the Ohio got sick ferried over to Virginia

Side packed into Hog Cars Destination Grafton.

7th - Morning. Grafton received orders to go to Clarksburgh passed Deserted

Towns and Bridges <sup>*[= guarded]*</sup> quatered(?) passed through 5 Tunnels last one came in

collision with another Train horrible <sup>*[= shock]*</sup> Luck but no Loss of Live. got to

Clarksburgh furnished with wagons and horses started at 6 o'clock a.m.

and marched 5 miles camped started at 3 o'clock p.m. marched ten miles

and camped. took dinner consisting in a Hard Cracker marched again

several miles many soldiers got sick 3 cases of Sun Struck Died passed

the 13th Regt. Henry Stern camped for tonight

9th - took line of march at 5 o'clock p.m. got to Buckanannon. <sup>*[= Buckhannon]*</sup>

10th - Force march got to Roaring Creek Bridge. Rain. False alarm midnight.

11th - left early marched to Foote of Ridge Mountain Headquarters of Gen.

McLellan. 8th, 10th and 13th Regmt left to attack the Enemy who is strongly

fortified at Orders given the 14th was in line of Battle waiting for to

march forward into Battle 2 o'clock a.m. heavy cannonading. We in line

till 6 a.m. went to quarters dissatisfied not having had a Part in the

Scene. Slept on arms.



12th - Rgmt early in line just as we was ready to march to attack the Enemy in Front a Cavalry <sup>men</sup> Man brought the news the Enemy whipped and left their camp. Strike tents was the order and in short <sup>time</sup> we was in <sup>pursuit</sup> of the Rebels we came to the top of the Hill. Enemy's camp Horrible sight Death and <sup>wounded</sup> by the Hundert. The Rebels left all their camp Equipage Horses Wagons a.o.f. We found 250 of their Death and many it not found yet. Our loss was 15 killed 25 wounded. Chris Miller of the 10th mortaly wounded. Marched in quick time to Beverly camped for the night.

13th - got to Cheat Mountain Pass camped <sup>at</sup> I am just informed that we took 200 <sup>700</sup> Prisoners at R. <sup>mt and</sup> 164 at Laurel Hill.

14th - Our Rgmt and 9th Ohio went on Dopples quick to the Top of the Mountain 8 miles Distance to break up Rebel Camp on arriving there they had left few <sup>(h)</sup>ours before. Went back to Camp tired and disappointed.

July 15th, 1861 - Wash Day. Writing to by beloved ones at Home.

16th - Co.F was out shooting at Targett. Capt. <sup>came</sup> return to Camp Boys strike tents. started for Cheat Mountain got to <sup>top</sup> in the afternoon pitched tents on the side of a isolated hill. Co.G, H, I and K left back on Burned Bridge in Tiggarts Valley Cheat Mountain Co.A marched to Cheat River Bridge  $1\frac{1}{2}$  mile from here to guard that position.

17th - Beautiful Day. <sup>[= Alleghenies]</sup> Allgehanias in distance in view great activity in camp chopping and hewing at Breast Works. My own humble being at work with Spade <sup>(spade)</sup> and ax very romantic indeed!!!

18th - fair weather i am on guard.

19th - Seargent Rutherford of Co. <sup>B</sup> shot by our Picket. Men on picket line holding him and asking for countersigne but he not repling. men fired and killed him instantly. fair weather.



20th - Our Scouts come bak but could not report anything of importance.

400 Rebel prisoners passed our camp on their way home false alarm we were in line of battle.

21th - Cavalry men just come back reported Scouting Party attacked.

Cheat Mountain 1 men killed 3 wounded Party just come in one of the wounded died killed Serg. Gould Cin(sic) Private Monsh Cin. Rained all day.

22th - Scouting Party under Leut. Willard and Williams started out routed a Rebel Camp took 7 prisoners hard rain great rejoicing in camp

24th - Rest of the 14th just come up we feel safer now. scouting party started out consisting of our company marched all night stopped at 3 o'clock I'm at a Rebel House took a splendid breakfast such as Milk, Sugar, Honey fresh bread a, s, f. during the whole time we was in danger of getting surrounded by the rebels who were in large numbers. We left the place after capturing many artikels of Puplick Property got safe but tired back to camp.

25th - Fine Day. News from Mannases burned Rebell wounded by Kirtley.

26th - Short rations flop jacks to eat many cursing old Buntin Gott! our scouts had skirmish with Rebels.

27th - raining as usual

28th - dressed up in our best duds rec a visit from Gen. Reynolds.

29th - false alarm again last night. Braikens Cavalry came to camp with us some familiar faces amongst them

30th - fair weather Capt. Coon goes out(sic) with Scouting party

31th - Scouts run into enemy's picket line brought two prisoners Killed a Rebel Capt.

August 1th - Co. F was send as advance piket on the Hill 3 1/2 miles East.

Cavalry came dashing along shot into them returned fire discovered to be own men. Cheat Mountain. Br. C. killed one horse and wounded one cavalry men in the toe, had a terrible rain wich we had to endure the whole night.



August 2th - Cloudy. Rebel deserter came in.

3th - hard rain in a.m. on picket two pieces of artillery came here expect an attack.

4th - Sunday. Pleasant Day wrote a letter to my Dad(?) [Seria?]

5th - Nothing of Importance as usual disagreeable weather.

6th - exchanged canon with two taken at Rich.Mt. Artillery Co. forming in our Regiment.

7th - Rain. Our camp ordered to Gray Brook(?) <sup>[back?]</sup> 3½ miles east as advance picket.

cold rain all night in the morning 25 of us went as scouts to the noted rock close to Green Bryer with 10 cavalry men was fired on by Rebels 2 cavalry men wounded.

8th - Capt. Wood went out with party. Rain.

9th - News from the Scouts fired into by Mounteneers Wilkinson of Camp B killed 2 cavalry wounded. one died since. camp in alarm. 2 camp sent out. Scouts return with several prisoners. Rain all the time our camp perfect and whole.

10th - 1 am on a picket guard awful weather

11th - Rained as usual. Camp rumors in abundance. Boys talk of being three months men want to go home (neary time) expect an attack.

12th - Rain! Rain! Rain!

13th - the same artikel over again short rations hard crackers who would be a soldier by Darned!

14th - Rain Sutler come Hurrah for us Now for Sutler checks On Picket again hard on a Dutch soldier.

15th - Cold very cold we have to drill 4 ours Boys busy laing in Stock of the Sutler. 24th Ohio arrived today. Our Boys went out scouting came in contact with a superior number of Rebels give them Hell unter the S\_\_t as Col. Kimball says. He killed several of them we had no loss.



August 16th, 1861 - Cheat Mountain - pleasant day at work building fortifications.

17th - Rain hard at work in the forenoon (I rather would sell clothing) afternoon got on picket for 24 ours

18th - still raining Scouts came in reporting the enemy within 11 miles of our camp drove their pikets in killing 7 of them wounding a number and captured three horses and squirrel rifles. Private Scmerfield of Co.E shot 2 of them.

19th - Cavalry men dashing into camp our pikets on the hill east attacked tried to surround them Col. sends several companies out. The Rebels were about 500 could not get fight of them unter arms all day.

20th - Raining Last night our Company was called out to deploy as skirmishers on the left of the Mountain expected attack from that side cold rain all night relieved at Reville. 17th Ind. Rgmt. and German Battery came to our assistance last night. not disturbed. 2 men missing from Co.D short rations hungry George Petit of Co.E shot his right hand off.

21th - fair day Spy came in reports 1500 men in Rebel camp. 17th Rgmt. returns to their camp. seen Julius Bernd.

22 - Rain Co.F goes as picket on the hill  $3\frac{1}{2}$  mile east. I was stationed as one of the advance picket. A waggon comes into picket line with three men.

We halt then take their arms from them one proves to be Rebel Capt. from Arkansas one Leut. one Teamster send them into camp got stationed on another Post. hard rain Rebel Scouts close to us try to find us out (near time)

23th - We returned to Camp fair day 2 missing men from Co.D came in living on blakberrys for a week. awfull weak was inside of Rebel picket line

24th - Pleasant day Leut Taylor resignes Ed Brasher elect in his place.



Our pikets fired into No one hurt. 4 other Leut. resigned <sup>considerable</sup> excitement about three months men.

25th - Sunday fair day 5 Leut starting home also Doc McPheeters, glad of it. on guard again. Rec. two letters one from Brother Bernhard one from Philip.

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September 1th - usual pleasant day Sunday

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September 10th, 1861 - <sup>Stroke</sup> Struck tents to lay foundation under them. Our scouts give the Rebels a good dose again.

11th - Raining 1 mm on Picket Rebels said to be in our rear Col. send out 3 comp. last night.

Sept. 12th - fair day Cavalry men comes in our Provisions waggons attacked.

Col. Send out our Camp. down the road 3/4 of a mile from the camp we found

the Rebels in large numbers we deployed as skirmishers Co. C came then

to our assistance we completely routed the Enemy killing a large number

and wounding some took 13 prisoners a German I am ashamed of such a

country men! they left considerable of things behind such as knapsacks

over coats blankets later we are all on guard awaiting every minute an attack

if the Enemy had <sup>suspected</sup> the(y) would have us all <sup>surrounded</sup> and cut up

but thank Fortune their plan did fail I just heart that the loss on our

side is about 11 killed and 5 wounded.

Sept. '61 Cheat Mountain - I have it from good source that the Rebels had

over 100 men killed, I am informed that the number of Rebels our Camp. and

Comp. C was engaged with was 3 Regiments all from Tennessee Leut. Green of

Co. B with about 28 of his comp. routed about 1500 men Rebels 4 miles below

here good work <sup>W</sup> <sup>bully</sup> Boys the Rebels are now not more than 2 mile from

my post I just heart the sound of a Bugle Capt. just comes from camp says

Co. E on picket on the hill east <sup>surrounded</sup> but the(y) cut their way through.

2 men killed Leut. <sup>Junod</sup> and Private Winder Poor <sup>Junod</sup> he was a model of

an officer in the Regt. his death is much mourned of some of the <sup>Comp.</sup> camp

missing <sup>yet</sup> it is now nearly night. We have to remain at our Post.

Orders for no one to sleep.

12th - Fair Day We were not attacked in the night as expected. We changed

our Position several times. Col. and Major just passed here our gains are



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<sup>capels-cappell</sup> <sup>M</sup> we expect every minute <sup>Seseshs</sup> <sup>W</sup> Seceshs coming out of the woods. We will defend our Post to the last drop of blood <sup>B</sup> the men all are as silend as in Death. <sup>M</sup> Lout.Brasher just told us in a <sup>W</sup> whisper to cock gun and hold ourself in readiness he seen them passing through an opening not further than  $\frac{1}{4}$  of a <sup>M</sup> mile. This is the only <sup>M</sup> moment in my Life that a <sup>certain</sup> feeling of that i like so many others is <sup>apt</sup> <sup>there (sic)</sup> out to pass from this World. the moment <sup>M</sup> ended is very holy. nothing has ocurred yet cannoniers are ready for <sup>A</sup> action the(y) are ready to aim. One <sup>P</sup> piece is not further than 50 yards from my <sup>P</sup> post it is <sup>N</sup> now ten o clock. the Col. just came up the <sup>R</sup> road again saing "now Boys give them Hall." He is brave sure i love him like a Vather. It is now near noon the sun shines bright. Capt.Martin just came up the <sup>R</sup> road he says the Rebels left their <sup>P</sup> position and moved over towarts the Valley within a  $\frac{1}{2}$  <sup>M</sup> mile from here. the d...m...d...cowarts are afraid to come out and fight a fair <sup>F</sup> fight!

We are ordered into <sup>C</sup> camp. keep your <sup>C</sup> cartridge boxes on and your <sup>P</sup> pieces in <sup>S</sup> sight. I lay down now to have a little <sup>R</sup> rest i have been without <sup>S</sup> sleep now for two days. We are again called out. Our <sup>P</sup> piket was fired into, one <sup>13th?</sup> of Co.H killed <sup>B</sup> Regmt. and 3th Ohio came in the afternoon to our help. the Rebels show them selfs  $3\frac{1}{2}$  <sup>M</sup> miles <sup>E</sup> east on the <sup>H</sup> hill we can see them plain one <sup>O</sup> officer on a white <sup>C</sup> charger makes his appearance every <sup>M</sup> moment Cavalry <sup>M</sup> men of Rebels we can see riding up and down the hill winking with their swords to us. it is <sup>N</sup> night sleep on arms is the order "Good Night" <sup>miself</sup> 13th - having given <sup>miself</sup> up to the Powers of Morpheus and ended i rested cown in its <sup>A</sup> arms. but lo not long dit i enjoy this Pleasures, the first thing i heard was bang! <sup>bang!</sup> <sup>bang!</sup> Fall in Camp.F and in less than 2 minutes <sup>who where (sic) L</sup> we were in lino. the Rebels bothered our Pickets during the night and for that cause we was called out send to quarters again i <sup>N</sup> slept <sup>in (sic) left some</sup> during the remainder of the <sup>N</sup> night. several of our <sup>P</sup> pikets were killed but Mr.Sesesh



had to pay for it dearly. the enemy is still visible several of Co.E came in our Camp. is ordered on Piket about 40 <sup>W</sup>wagons start for provisions the road being safe again. the 2 Regts wend bak to their camp.

14th - rainy our pikets were engaged all night by the Rebels tried to come in betw. camp and bridge fired into Co.E who was just going on Piket. Co.E returned fire and wounded 3 killed 1, no one hurt on our <sup>S</sup>side Private Plymale in our Camp. shot 2 fingers off while on piket. one man of <sup>Men</sup> 2500 <sup>O.R.</sup>killed.

15th - Raining our pikets were drove in last night one <sup>Men</sup>man killed we was called out three times last night. Kester came on with goods also Doc Clippinger i am sick. Rebels still on the hill

16th - Raining Sutlers busy but lo Co.F can not partake in it has to go on Piket on a very gloomy place to we have to live on a hard <sup>C</sup>craker

17th - rain We are still on Piket, <sup>O</sup>ordered into camp our <sup>P</sup>provision <sup>W</sup>wagons came up with a large <sup>M</sup>mail.

18th - Rain. We are in camp i slept soundly it being the first <sup>N</sup>night that we was not aroused by an <sup>A</sup>alarm. the Rebels are around us yet. the last one missing from Co.E came in very miserable and hungry having had nothing to <sup>E</sup>eat for several <sup>D</sup>days.

19th - Fine <sup>D</sup>day Co.F goes on Piket on the Banks of Cheat River. short <sup>R</sup>rations 2 <sup>C</sup>comp. of 3th Virginians came up. nothing of <sup>I</sup>importance in camp all qui(e)t. i am on <sup>S</sup>sick <sup>L</sup>list.

20th - Fair Day Co.back to <sup>Q</sup>quarters from <sup>P</sup>piket.

21th - raining During the day very disagreeable seen Mr.Newman

22th - very cold and raining <sup>O</sup>Part of the Regt. got overcoats Co.F goes on Piket 4 <sup>W</sup>1/2 mile west.

23th - beautifull <sup>D</sup>day <sup>O</sup>overcoats came all qui(e)t.



Sept. 24th, 1861 - pleasant day received our overcoats.

25th - pleasant day Co. F go on picket.

26th - Fair day 9 & 15 Ind. and 32 Ohio Rgmt. came to camp. order to prepare two days rations expect to attack the Rebels tomorrow. Order countermanded. Rain 2 pieces of artillery came up.

27 - Raining and cold <sup>How</sup> (Howell?) our Sutler is reported being drowned in a Flood (flood?) trying to cross a Creek on Figgarts Valley <sup>[cross] Kreek [Tygarts]</sup>

28th - Still raining Last night we had a severe storm killing several horses the men suffered very much this is surely the severest storm I ever seen in western regions. Kester and Sparks started in search of poor Howell.

Reuben the pet of the 14th is reported killed and eat up by the Hungry of the 32th poor goosey vengeance vengeance Col. Kimball will punish the one severely that killed poor Reuben. Revenge! Revenge is in the mouth of every gallant son of the 14th. Mr. Kester just came back having found the remains of Poor Howell about 3/4 mile from the place where he started into death the horse he found in a corn field living ... (note: small strip from top of page missing)...

30th - Fair day. Gen. Reynolds came up to pay us a visit had a drill got part of our cloth(ing?)

October 1th - Cold in the morning 17 Rgmt. came over from Elkwater.

2th - Raining all the time Gen. Reynolds came just a few minutes ago tomorrow more [Top of page missing here] provisions are on order about 11 o'clock to night 32 goes as Advance 2th to Morrow more.

3th - we started about midnight 32 Ohio advance followed by the other Rgmt.

25th Ohio with the 3 battery's started early in the morning arrived at the

Rock. Their pickets commenced to run into their camp. The Rebels

were waiting for our troops but in a short time the(y) were drove into their entrenchments with a heavy loss. Our Battery's then commenced pouring into them for



nearly 4 ours supported by infantry. After the relieving reinforcements of about 5000 ~~men~~ and our ammunition having given out our forces retired with a loss of 7 killed and 13 wounded two died since. 14th had 1 killed 2 mortally wounded and 4 slightly wounded, 2 have died since. Sergeant Price of Co. A 14th mortally wounded in the leg died he was a good soldier and valuable man. The whole regiment mourns his death. Capt. Foot of Co. A is slightly wounded in the arm. The other two died are H. Myers Co. H and A. Boyd Co. C. I am informed that the Rebel loss is about 400 killed.

Oct. 4th - Fair day Elkwater forces returned to their camp false alarm men resting.

5th - beauty day all quiet just got some pine branches for our beth (beds?)

6th - Sunday bright day all quiet. Dined with Mr. Newman

7th - raining and cold

8th - diddo got marching orders we are all in good spirits a loud (loud) hurrah. Strike tents Regiment marched I was left behind with a number of others to take care of baggage

9th - Cold but bright day at noon started for the Valley gave out on account of rheumatism, got safe into camp at Huttonville.

10th - beautiful day on guard I feel like newly born thrown into a new world. We feast on apples, chestnuts as if something new to us. Dress parade

11th - Summer Day. Drill 4 ours Boys have lots of sports

12th - Fine day all quiet

13th - Sunday pleasant day went to hear sermon preached by Stevens Chaplain of the 15th We have the 13th, 15th and 17th Regiment with us now.

14 - Monday pleasant day Drill 2 ours in forenoon Battalion in the afternoon received our pay today

15th - Handsome weather have to go on guard 10 men detailed out of each Co. to work the roads.

central  
Huttonville  
C. Huttonville



Oct. 17th, 1861 - gloomy weather, detail for to work the roads start out.

18th - another fine day made a floor of rail in our tents

19th - Saturday fair day wash day

20th - Sunday Handsome weather Mr. John H. Barr arrived today glad to see him got two letters by same

21st - another fine day had a splendid Battalion Drill went through new manoeuvres

22nd - beautiful weather (in Huttenville) ✓

23rd - raining in the morning [I am off] guard

24th - Fair day but cold during last night

25th - Drye weather but cold. Mr. Barr went home send several letters

26th - cold but bright day Major Slemmer(?) of Fort Pikes notoriously(?) arrived here to inspect troops Chap(?) will come back

27th - Fine day General inspection by Major Slemmer closed by a S ?

taken by the officer Col. Mahen returned from his home just an our ago.

looks much better

28th - Fine day on guard

29th - pleasant

30th - 13th Regt. went on a scout

31st - clear weather but cold general inspection today

November 1st - cold and cloudy Capt. returned with his detail from the road.

2nd - raining and disagreeable. Charles Canstatt in Co. E died, court martial read on dress parade

3rd - raining, snow on the mountain Capt. Willard home on furlough

4th - cold and raining I am on guard

5th - disagreeable weather cold,

6th - very cold and raining mud knee deep, 13th Regt. returned



Nov. 7th, 1861 - boys putting up chimneys, muddy

8th - seen Henry Stein told me tired their march was 9 days made 100 miles had a skirmish, worked awfull hard today putting up a chimney Sutler Kester Ellwood Sparks Young John Kester T. Brasher came on the day. great excitement arround the sutler tent. Boys la(y)ing in stock. Rec. letter & baggage from Bro. Barnhard. very much pleased with it

9th - bad weather raining all day,

10th - and still it rains can hardly get out of tents for mudd Hattenville

10th Sunday Mudd! Mudd! is the talk, cold

11th - frost i am on guard

12th - pleasant weather orders to build winter quarters wend with Capt. and Leut. Brasher to get a little house. took dinner at a house and had a great chad with a beuty (lousy?) girl. returned with Leut. Brasher heard of the great victory our fleet won, great excitement in camp.

13th - cutting and rolling logs for quarters

14th - cold and rain had fun rolling logs.

15th - it snows rains and hails i have not been out of the hole today

16th - snowing snow 6 inches deep

17th - cold snowing on guard

18th - snowing and cold muddy mail came in had two letters several Rgmts. have marching orders including 15th & 17th Ind. great disappointment for us hoped to get away from this wilderness 3th Ohio just passed through here from Elkwater. 19th & 16th & 24th Ohio and part of 17th started muddy and cold, we have to finish the quarters of the 17th bad luck.

20th - awfully muddy and cold 15th started raining in the afternoon

21th - we are hard at work at winter quarters rest of 17th follow their Rgmt.



Nov. 22th - cold but fair weather I played off this morning did not want to work at quarters wend down to 13th to see H. Stern(Stein?) Capt. Wilson and Capt. Clinton and Leut. Price. took diner with Capt. Clinton.

23th - Still cold we are yet at work on quarters.

24th - Sunday cold setting round our chimney mail came in

25th - Snowing and awfull muddy received our pay again

26th - Still cold and snowing part of 13th got marching orders i am jealouse

27th - cold and ground froze hard,

28th - raining and muddy Mr. Pool who was expected for a long time has at last come to light. I was out scouting to day after Virginia girls made some \_\_\_\_? (note: underlined German word, probably German)

29th - Muddy as usual Wm. Prater died this morning Poor fellow, he was beloved in the camp. and his death is mourned at by many of us. We donate to send his remains bak to Terre Haute

30th - Mr. Pool started home with the body of Wm. Prater also Leut. Williams and several others who go as far as Philippi

Dec. 1st - Rain and muddy

2th - ditto later it freezes 3 comparys of the 14th A, B, C got marching orders off today We will follow, glad to get out of this mud hole Mathew Gardner drummed out of the service.

3th - cold and ground frozen 25th Ohio came here seen Joe Bush and Simon Kahn

4th - cold and clear orders to march later got off at 11 o clock marched about 8 miles and got awfull tired

5th - on the march got about 14 miles yesterday stopped at an old deserted house with 25 more of our co. came trough Boverly seen several friends in Beakins Cavalry. today took broakfast at a round Stable Tavern awfull tired out. We are now resting squad consisting: Charles Sohne, James Yager, Lester Alloway Cummings O'Marfa

(centered)  
On the March



(ON THE MARCH - tried hard to get lodging for the night this side the Mountain.  
 could not make the riffle. Last house on foot of the mountain, Stars and  
 Stripes <sup>(floating?)</sup> before the house. Hurrah for us he will keep us. but Co.  
 can not stay think there is some humbug about his Stars and Stripes before  
 the house give the old fellow that to understand concluded after talking a  
 vote in the squad to cross Laurel Hill before night. tired got to top  
 after resting 57 times got behind, it is 5 miles across the mountain got  
 to the end of it at last. My squad waiting for me, seen the rebel fortifications  
 nice solid work. We stopp at the 2th house from the mountain Clover(?) people  
 Union. Had a splendid supper tired I will go for sleep now.  
 6th - fine day got our breakfast and started for Beelington a little town  
 awfull tired sore feet and stiff. Lets rest and take dinner done after  
 dinner traveled two miles and stopped for tonight Seen the Col. before  
 dinner "Glad to see you boys." "take your time" he says.  
 7th - 6 miles to Phillippi pleasant day Our little squad started out gave out  
 half way, got into Phillippi at last about 3 o'clock a.m. this is a nice  
 little place mostly deserted by the inhabitants, said to be a Seseen Hole.  
 Our camp. quartered at the Bridge crossing Valley River coal mines here,  
 Sunday 8 - pleasant day went up to see the town. Dress parade at 4 a.m.  
 ON THE MARCH December 9th - Fine day perfectly over run by pie and cake  
 peddlers. Patriotic citycons (in a horn?) who trye to get rich out of our  
 pockets I am boarding now pa(y)ing 25 cents a meal but it is rather a little  
 to(o) expensive with an income of \$13 a month.  
 10th - Fine weather Drill in forenoon  
 11th - Boutifull day commenced boarding by the week with Mr. Ne <sup>Ney Kirk</sup>  
 hard crackers cannot go it any more

12th - Fair Weather

13th - diddo Cheat Mt. Division started out to attack Green Bank Rebel

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Revel (sic)



Camp. Reported victory.

Dec. 14th - Fine day

15th - Cold but clear Rgmt. called up forms in column Col. spoke to us going home on furlough made a splendid speech feel well Rob. C. Barr goes home on furlough

16th - Fine day Drill in the morning

December 17 - still fair weather Indian Summer Rgmt. rec. marching orders to Romney.

18th - pleasant Rgmt. did not get off today Our Co. has to stay at Bridge. Capt. started home.

19th - Rgmt. gone we feel bad about us staying behind, 13th Rgmt. came here this evening

20th - raining [?] Leut. Williams arrived here today on guard

21st - 13th started this morning cold 14th went to Romney also 13th

22 - Sunday went to hear a sermon preached by Mr. Walk raining in afternoon

23 - rain and snow

24 - (rain and snow) part of 3rd Virginia Rgmt. came here today

25th - Christmas came at last. great excitement fired a volley in honor of Christmas. about half of our boys on a Drunk do not like to see it demoralized Co. F who bore a good name at all times.

26th - on guard muddy all quiet

27th - cold and ground frozen. disagreeable quarters like to get out of them hard on Uncle Sam's soldiers. no news yet from the 14th.

28 - cold in morning sun coming out bright making a cheerful heart for us

False alarm Co. went out on brush to get into a battle disappointed.

29th - cold in the morning fair during the day

30th - cold ground frozen on guard

31st - bright weather Excitement in Town last night. Success cavalry



surrounded camp. in Beelington said to would come here. Leut. send out Piket but to my expectation the(y) did not come.

January 1, 1862 - the New Year has arrived and the old one is now out of fashion like so many things which pass away. Our beloved country is yet as in the early period of the old year in a deplorable condition when shall this struggle end which carried so many of us away from beloved ones and our Daily Resorts. May the Day be not far when we again be placed in the circles of our friends, and may the glorious Stars and Stripes float again over this country from the Atlantik to the Shores of the Pacific. this is a lovely day A gentle air waves around us and over the mountain tops Boys are all in high spirits.

2th - Fair weather on guard

3th - cold nothing of importance, raining in the evening

4th - snowing and cold Excitement in quarters last night Plymale got on drunk knocked down the stove and cutting up for some time

5th Sunday - cold in the morning pleasant during the day

6th - cold and snowing on guard today

7th - snowing, clear during the day

8th - cold in the morning sun fine forenoon Dispatch from Captain arrived at Webster Rob. Barr just came back later. Marching Orders to Romney.

January 9th, 1862 - marching orders to Romney on to march at Webster we left

Philippi at 8 o'clock a.m. arrived at Webster found the Company departed for Grafton took train and got to Grafton 7 o'clock a.m. Company gone.

10th - Raining stopped with 9 of our boys at Hotel missed the train this morning will start at 3 a.m. on the train for Cumberland interesting scene (scene)

Cumberland Mountains just went through Kingswood Tunnel said to be 1 7/8 mile



long. We just passed New Creek a little town built between Mountains  
 crossed West Fork of the Potomac, <sup>Night</sup> ~~7~~ Piedmont passed beautiful town  
 later at Cumberland just <sup>arrived</sup> ~~2~~ after <sup>a 6 hour Journey</sup> ~~2~~ We put up at Mountain City House.  
 11th - Dark and gloomy. News just came in our army having evacuated Romney  
 no team goes to Green Spring was up to see the town some fine Buildings  
 especially the Revere and St. <sup>Nicolas</sup> ~~Muel~~(?) Hotel. later seen Mr. Heidelberg  
 went with the team to go to Patterson Creek, arriving there informed that  
 our comp. across the river with the 13th started back to Cumberland, raining  
 very hard.

12th - Sunday fine morning got to the company quartered with the 13th took  
 dinner with Henry Stern Order to go to the Rgmt. found the Rgmt. on Nord  
 Branch of Potomac 4 miles from Cumberland Boys of the Rgmt. cheered when  
 joined the 14th again.

13th - cold sharp wind had to lay out last night on account of having no tents.  
 provisions scarce later our tents came the(y) are pitched, the(y) are the  
 Sibley tents with stoves all quiet

14th - cold we had snow last night feel just comfortable setting around stove.

15th - cold in the morning a heavy hail dropped at about 10 o'clock p.m. all  
 quiet

16th - fine day snow, nothing occurred of any importance.

17th - yesterday at Dress Parade various orders were read that Gen. <sup>Lander</sup> ~~Sander~~(Landert)  
 is Commander of the Division Col. Kimball commander of Brigade good news  
 the boys were all glad the brigade consists of the 13th and 14th Indiana,  
 7th Virginia and 84th Pennsylvania. cold and cloudy The day we had a grand  
 Review of the <sup>first</sup> ~~2~~ Brigade the first occurrence of this kind to the 14th  
 Capt. Williamson is appointed Provost Marshall for this Post.

18th - Raining very disagreeable.

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January 19th - Raining all last night cloudy this morning several new Regiments came in this morning "from Ohio, Nerd Branch Bridge Station"

January 20, 1862 - Monday raining and muddy <sup>at (sic)</sup> it rained all last night more troops came in We had orders for three day camp for to march put off on account the state of the weather all quiet a number of our bps were put on duty yesterday for 30 days without intermission the(y) having stayed behind on our last march

21th - cloudy and slight rain quarters very muddy

22th - weather clearing up ground slightly frozen over,

23 - cold and cloudy no mail yet nothing of importance

24 - cold ground froze this morning. comp. was called out this morning to give account for a House that was burned betw. Philippi and Webster on the last march. Major Harlow <sup>Harrow</sup> excited Clay Welch reduced to ranks. Orderly Touten shot by scout

25th - Heavy snow this morning very agreeable outside

26th Sunday - Weather clear and cold Lout. Brasher presented his resignation to Colonel

27th - clear and pleasant

28th - commenced raining yesterday at about 7 a.m. and still continuing very disagreeable outside feel very comfortable setting in tent by a warm fire all quiet in camp.

29th - weather mild but cloudy all quiet in camp.

30th - snowing and raining all day slush and muddy in quarters

31th - as usual since our arrival there is nothing of importance to report. keeping a report of the weather is about all the particulars and general news of the day the day the weather clerk pleased to furnish us with a little sunshine very refreshing this season of the year.



February, 1862 - Saturday 1<sup>th</sup> - about 4 inches of snow fell during the last night but is melting off very fast all quiet in camp.

2<sup>th</sup> - cold this morning but <sup>sky</sup> clear ground froze, on guard.

3<sup>th</sup> - snowing all this morning <sup>commenced</sup> at 4 o'clock p.m. no movement yet of our Forces in this Section.

4<sup>th</sup> - cold and chilly had orders to march at 4 o'clock a.m. Reg. was in line order countermanded.

5<sup>th</sup> - the sun throws its warm streaks over the Earth and makes the snow disappear expect every minute to march. We was just on line countermanded. keep yourself ready is the order. I will lay down now to take a little sleep.

6<sup>th</sup> - at 11 o'clock a.m. last night just in time as I was soundly asleep. The orders came fall in camp. was formed we got into cars and after being delayed about two hours the train started off to our enjoyment as the night was very cold and the old cars open after a very disagreeable and uncomfortable ride of about 4 ours we arrived at a spot where we got off the train build a fire to warm up our frozen limbs expect to march later is raining now build huts of straw and rails the 13<sup>th</sup> just came up the Boys are cheering lay down by our fires.

Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> - Weather moderate. Orders to fall in Reg. formed got on the train with the 13<sup>th</sup> went to PawPaw Tunnel got off the train marched about 5 miles expect to have a brush with the Rebels. Order about face marched back to PawPaw Tunnel. Stacked arms and builded fires a lumber pile in the neighborhood had to suffer made huts out of them Provisions are getting scarce.

8<sup>th</sup> - Our company went on a scout about 7 miles but returned without having seen or heard anything of the Rebels more troops came in had to move our huts. weather cold.

9<sup>th</sup> Sunday - cold and windy more troops the mail has not come today.



Feb. 10th - Monday. Weather pleasant but cold 5th Ohio arrived here last evening. Our Reg. showed its Hospitality towards them. Each company taking charge of the camp in the 5th by the same letter and gave them refreshments. Our tents just arrived. Later we have pitched our tent and a brisk fire glows in the stove this feels much better and just comfortable.

11th - Weather fine in the forenoon but snowing in the afternoon. Orders to march Reg. ready to march and in line countermanded.

12th - Weather pleasant but muddy. Reg. formed for Review at 10 o'clock p.m. with Blankets and Haversacks ready to march ordered to quarters on Fatigue Duty. Ready.

13th - Weather is fine but very muddy the Reg. formed in a line the news of the taking of Roanoke Island by the Burnside Expedition read to us. Great cheering.

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OBITUARY - TERRE HAUTE EVENING GAZETTE, Friday, July 12, 1902

"John Kuppenheimer died Friday night - An Old and Respected Resident of this city has passed away - John Kuppenheimer, an old and respected citizen of Terre Haute died at 11:30 o'clock Friday night at his home 518 Crawford Street aged 62 years. He has been quite ill for some time. The deceased leaves a wife(Minnie) and one brother who lives in Chicago. There are six children: Mrs.Shaw of Detroit, and Walter, Jessie, May, Helen and Elga, all of this city. The deceased was a member of Company I, Fourteenth Indiana with Sheldon Swope, Wm. Gray, and others under Captain Lidley and Genl.Kimble. He was also a member of the Volunteer Fire Company, Vigo No.2. The members of the Volunteer Fireman's Association are requested to attend the funeral. Mr.Kuppenheimer was a letter carrier under Post Master Filbeck."

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TERRE HAUTE CITY DIRECTORY 1872 - Kuppenheimer, John, clothing,  
h w s 4th s of Poplar  
Kuppenheimer & Bro., 118 Main St.  
Opera House Block

1876 - Kuppenheimer, John (Lustig & Kuppenheimer)  
res. e s 4th s Oak  
Lustig, Chas. (Lustig & Kuppenheimer)  
bds. s s Main e 6th  
Lustig & Kuppenheimer - Editors & Props.  
"TERRE HAUTE BANNER" and "SUNDAY POST"  
4 S. 5th

1901 - Kuppenheimer, Jessie B. res. 518 Crawford  
....., John, bookkeeper "  
....., Minnie (wife of John) "  
....., Walter L., clerk Hulman & Co. "

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